



Walk Leader Bedgebury

About us

Forestry England is a part of the government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and is tasked with the sustainable management of the Public Forest Estate for timber, recreation and wildlife.

Bedgebury National Pinetum is home to a world-leading collection of conifers. It is unique in the UK and of global significance for the purposes of species conservation, scientific advancement and the understanding of conifers. It is also a rich and biodiverse site providing habitat to a wealth of flora and fauna.

The pinetum was established in 1925 by the Forestry Commission and Royal Botanic Gardens Kew to provide a safe haven for conifers.

Role Description

Be part of a small team of dedicated volunteers to guide visitors around the pinetum, discovering the stories behind this world leading tree collection.

When?

- Walks will on selected dates (weekdays and weekends) from April to October
- We are looking for a commitment of 2-3 walks per month

What's involved?

- With a colleague, lead a one hour guided walk for the public
- Arrive an hour prior to the walk to undertake a walk recce and complete risk assessment
- Follow a pre-written script to highlight the trees that bring Bedgebury to life
- Liaise with volunteer supervisor to agree work schedule

Bedgebury National Pinetum

We'd like you to

- Enjoy the natural world and spending active time outdoors
- Have a passion and talent for sharing knowledge
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Have a friendly personality and enjoy meeting people
- Have good communication skills
- Be willing to follow guidelines on health and safety
- Undertake training specific to this role
- Wear suitable protective clothing for walking outdoors

We will provide

- A volunteer registration and induction prior to taking up the role
- Full training and support
- Forestry England volunteer uniform
- Free parking on your volunteer day
- A complimentary hot drink from the café on your volunteer day
- An annual volunteer's membership for free admission to Bedgebury after 35 hours of regular volunteering
- Regular volunteers' newsletters and bulletins
- An invitation to annual events such as the volunteer picnic

Who to contact?

If you would like to volunteer in this role, please register your expression of interest [here](#)

If you have specific queries regarding this role please email bedgebury@forestryengland.uk

For more information about volunteering at different Forestry England sites please visit our website www.forestryengland.uk/volunteering